

**IN THE
UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE**APPLICATION OF:** Yoshiyuki EBIHARA**CASE:****PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT****SERIAL NO:** TO BE ASSIGNED**FILED ON:** TO BE ASSIGNED

FOR: US NATIONAL PHASE OF
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Commissioner for Patents
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ATTENTION OF:
Examiner:

Dear Sir:

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 50-2428.

Please amend the application, as indicated, prior to substantive examination of same. Applicant submits that the amendments herein are fully supported by the specification as originally filed, and merely address changing multiply-dependent claims to singly-dependent claims.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 herein.

Remarks begin on page ___ herein.

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